

MINUTES OF SPECIAL AUDIO CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JUNE 11, 2014

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District held a special audio conference call meeting on June 11, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Participating by phone were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman; Rodger Olson and Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Tor Bergstrom and Greg Thykeson, Steele County Water Resource District; Jill Borth, Secretary-Treasurer for the Steele County Water Resource District; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Maple River Water Resource District; and William Brudvik, Attorney for the Steele County Water Resource District. Present at the Cass County Highway Department were Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; and Brittany C. Moen, Administrative Assistant.

Chairman Suhr called the meeting to order.

Upper Maple River Dam

Mike Opat reported on the meeting with the State Engineer's office regarding the project permit for the Upper Maple River Dam. A dam break analysis was completed last week from the project location to Cass County Highway 26 in order to review the dam classification. He explained that the project remains classified as a Class 3 medium hazard dam, and he is comfortable proceeding with the design.

The Board discussed project right-of-way. Appraisals were mailed out to landowners on May 13, 2014, for their review. Mr. Opat reported that a few landowners remain to be contacted by phone regarding the appraisal and purchase process.

Sean Fredricks reviewed easement language with the Board and said the maintenance of properties under an easement will be the responsibility of the landowners. Manager Ihry asked about the circumstance of debris on roadways as a result of the project. Mr. Fredricks said the easement language dictates that the Board is not responsible for clearing debris, but can choose to do so on a case-by-case basis.

The Board discussed fairness to landowners on all land purchases. Manager Melvin stressed the importance of giving the landowner the ability to replace land that is sold to the Water Resource District for the project.

It was moved by Manager Olson and seconded by Manager Ihry to direct Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with offers on land acquisition for the Upper Maple River Dam, not to exceed an amount 10% over the appraised value. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District will host the Assessment Hearing for the Upper Maple River Dam at the Page Auditorium in Page, North Dakota, on Wednesday, June 25th, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, it was moved by Manager Ihry, seconded by Manger Thykeson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Jurgen Suhr
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer